

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK**

**SPECIAL SESSION  
April 15, 2002**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., April 15, 2002, in the Sullivan Conference Room, Tenth Floor, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Don Stapley, Chairman; Fulton Brock, Vice Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Max W. Wilson, Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; and Alma Hernandez, Administrative Coordinator. Absent: Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

**PRESENTATION: ELECTION DATA INFORMATION**

Item: Presentation regarding Election Data Information. (ADM1700)

Chairman Stapley introduced Helen Purcell, County Recorder; Karen Osborne, Director, Elections Department; and Tim Johnson, also from the Elections Department.

Ms. Purcell reported that the Elections Department has worked diligently on the Recorder/Elections Viewer (REViewer) website, the next generation of map information available to the public, and introduced Tim Johnson, overseer of the website, who had been on loan to the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC).

Chairman Stapley asked for clarification on jurisdiction of the final approval of district lines. Ms. Purcell answered that the Justice Department does, but further explained that only the federal courts could override the Justice Department's decision. State legislation is currently pending that would help candidates by honoring petition signatures in areas which may be subject to redesignation based on some current challenges.

Utilizing visual equipment, Mr. Johnson presented the Internet website, REViewer, and illustrated how the public could logon to "recorder.maricopa.gov/maps" and access information that includes changes to district boundary lines, legal description confirmations, and an interactive map application for the creation of new boundary lines.

Supervisor Brock asked how a user goes about drawing a map. Mr. Johnson answered that by logging into the REViewer and using the drawing tools, the public can create their version of a district map.

Supervisor Brock asked what has been the response to the site. Mr. Johnson reported that 18 people have used the interactive maps and one individual actually submitted their version of a proposed map. Ms. Osborne interjected that the site has had 5,000 "hits". Although the actual creation of maps has been minimal, the viewing of the information has been well received and successful.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated the interactive map process and showed how the "Quick Start Tutorial" could assist users in navigating through the site. Mr. Johnson demonstrated the use of maps, the layering of maps to show different boundary lines, and the various viewing tools. He also demonstrated how a search based on a specific address supplied information on voting precincts, legislative, congressional and supervisorial districts, demographics and legal descriptions.

Supervisor Kunasek asked if information such as walking lists could be printed from this site. Ms. Osborne reported that lists could not be accessed using this vehicle, however, for a nominal fee, voter lists can be obtained from the Maricopa County Elections Department. The local political party offices also have this information at a small cost to the public.

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Supervisor Brock asked how district lines are created. Ms. Osborne explained that attempts are made to keep BOS lines as straight as possible, then the IRC provides their input. The Justice Department has approved Maricopa County's recommendations, but is withholding approval of the legislative and congressional district lines submitted by IRC.

Ms. Osborne further explained that certain rules are considered when drafting district lines, such as not splitting a voting precinct. Candidates must file their petitions by the closing date of June 12<sup>th</sup>, with a 10-day period to challenge those petitions thereafter. Printing of ballots for any unchallenged precincts could then proceed; however, all ballots must be printed within 3 weeks since early voting begins in August.

Chairman Stapley asked whether the database was exclusive to Maricopa County. Ms. Osborne confirmed that most of the information was about Maricopa County, but a limited number of other lines could be viewed as well.

**~ Supervisor Kunasek left the meeting ~**

Mr. Johnson illustrated how the site was linked to other related web pages, such as PlanNet, which provides information about zoning, annexations and related information.

**~ Supervisor Kunasek returned to the meeting ~**

Supervisor Wilson inquired whether charges for e-mail would impact this program. Ms. Purcell stated that there is no fee for the use of this application, however, the Recorder's Office does charge for certified copies of other documents such as deeds.

Mr. Wilson asked what happens if the district lines are not approved by the September 5 primary election. Ms. Purcell responded that the current lines would remain in effect.

Chairman Stapley asked how the public would be informed about this program. Ms. Purcell stated that the Recorder's Office is attempting to advertise the information, but any additional help from the Board of Supervisors would be appreciated. Chairman Stapley suggested that the REViewer demonstration would be an interesting feature to showcase on the Public Broadcasting Station's "Horizon" program.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Don Stapley, Chairman of the Board

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board